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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Karl M. Bizjak

Serial No.: 09/728,527

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: OUTPUT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2644

Examiner: Unknown

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed April 10, 2001 and prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows; this amendment does not introduce any new matter to the application as filed.

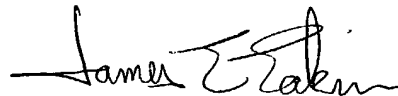
Applicant respectfully requests that this application proceed to examination.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to charge any applicable fees to deposit account no. 50-0385 and/or credit any overpayment thereto. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please replace the paragraph at page 18, paragraph 2, with the following rewritten paragraph, as the application, as filed, incorrectly states "Figures 1A-1F...":

-- Figures 1A-1E show prior art signal processing systems. --

2. Please amend the specification by adding the following abstract as page 152:

-- ABSTRACT:

Method and apparatus for generating a reference signal includes parsing one or more input signals into a plurality of split signals in accordance with a predetermined criteria, generating split reference signals for each of at least two of the split signals, and combining a plurality of the split reference signals into a single reference signal. Multiple reference signals may be generated by mutple pluralities of split reference signals. The predetermined criteria may include bandsplit filtering, and the output signals may be used for equalization, among other applications. --

REMARKS

Applicant herewith submits the proposed Preliminary Amendment in order to correct a typographical error in the initial application pertaining to the number of the figures, as filed November 29, 2000. Further, Applicant herewith amends the application by adding an abstract which was omitted from the initial filing.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

On page 18, paragraph 2, has been amended as follows:

Figures 1A-[1F] 1E show prior art signal processing systems.

In the Abstract

Page 152, the abstract has been added as shown on the attached page, the text of which is repeated below:

ABSTRACT

Method and apparatus for generating a reference signal includes parsing one or more input signals into a plurality of split signals in accordance with a predetermined criteria, generating split reference signals for each of at least two of the split signals, and combining a plurality of the split reference signals into a single reference signal. Multiple reference signals may be generated by multiple pluralities of split reference signals. The predetermined criteria may include bandsplit filtering, and the output signals may be used for equalization, among other applications.